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ATTACHMENT TO L-4881
27 FEBRUARY 1968
PAGE 1INCREASED COMMUNIST ACTIVITY
DAK TO AREA, SOUTH VIETNAM
1441N 10737E1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS AN INCREASE IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITY, INCLUDING ROAD CONSTRUCTION, IN THE REGION BETWEEN THE LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM TRI-BORDER AREA AND DAK TO, SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE SUBJECT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN THE DAK TO AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. BACKGROUND:

THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUING USE OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS BY THE VIET CONG AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY AS PART OF THEIR LOGISTICS NET EXTENDING FROM NORTH VIETNAM THROUGH LAOS AND CAMBODIA INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THAT PART OF THIS LOGISTICS NET IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA PROBABLY SERVES AS A MAJOR REDISTRIBUTION AREA FOR PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

INSURGENT ACTIVITY WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA IN JULY 1965. COMPLETION, IN MARCH 1966, OF LAOS ROUTE 110 APPARENTLY HELPED TO SUPPORT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERNMOST SECTION OF RATANAKIRI PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.

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ENCAMPMENTS WHICH APPEAR TO BE CONNECTED VIA NUMEROUS WELL-CONCEALED TRAILS WITH THE COMMUNIST ROAD NET IN LAOS ARE EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE TRI-BORDER AREA.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF DECEMBER 1967 REVEALED THE EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 110 TO A POINT IN CAMBODIA NEAR THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

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X1 [REDACTED] REVEALS THAT LAOS ROUTE 110 HAS BEEN EXTENDED ACROSS THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER AT UTM YB749217 AND HAS JOINED SOUTH VIETNAM ROUTE 512 IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT UTM YB802237. (COMMENT: THE COMPLETION OF THIS UNNUMBERED EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 110 PROVIDES A MOTORABLE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED LOGISTICS ROAD NET INTO THE VICINITY OF AT LEAST FOUR U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN THE DAK TO AREA).

ALSO OBSERVED ARE ROAD BUILDING OPERATIONS WHICH EXTEND LAOS ROUTE 110 FROM A POINT IN CAMBODIA AT UTM YB713169 TO A POINT IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT UTM YA741976. THIS LATTER POINT IS APPROXIMATELY 28 NM WEST OF KONTUM, SOUTH VIETNAM.

TWO NEWLY-IDENTIFIED, FOUR-POSITION, OCCUPIED AW/AA SITES, ONE AT UTM YB798233 AND ONE AT YB801236, ARE LOCATED IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT THE JUNCTION OF THE NEWLY-COMPLETED UNNUMBERED EXTENSION OF LAOS

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ROUTE 110 AND SOUTH VIETNAM ROUTE 512. (SEE FIGURE 1).

A STRONGPOINT AT UTM YB838327, 11 NM WNW OF DAK TO, CONTAINS ONE LARGE U-SHAPED AND THREE LARGE CIRCULAR TRENCHES, ALL POSSIBLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SEE FIGURE 3). THESE APPEAR TO BE PERSONNEL TRENCHES PROVIDING A 360-DEGREE DEFENSE POSTURE. AT LEAST FOUR ADDITIONAL STRONGPOINTS (ONE SHOWN ON GRAPHIC, SEE FIGURE 2), ARE LOCATED AT UTM YB788335, YB849262, YB810322, AND AT YB870270 IN THE DAK TO AREA. EACH CONSISTS OF A CIRCULAR PATTERN OF FOXHOLES WITH ONE OR MORE AW POSITIONS AND ALL ARE SITUATED APPROXIMATELY 6000 METERS NORTHEAST OF THE JUNCTION OF THE NEWLY-COMPLETED UNNUMBERED EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 110 AND SOUTH VIETNAM ROUTE 512. THESE STRONGPOINTS ARE LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF TWO U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

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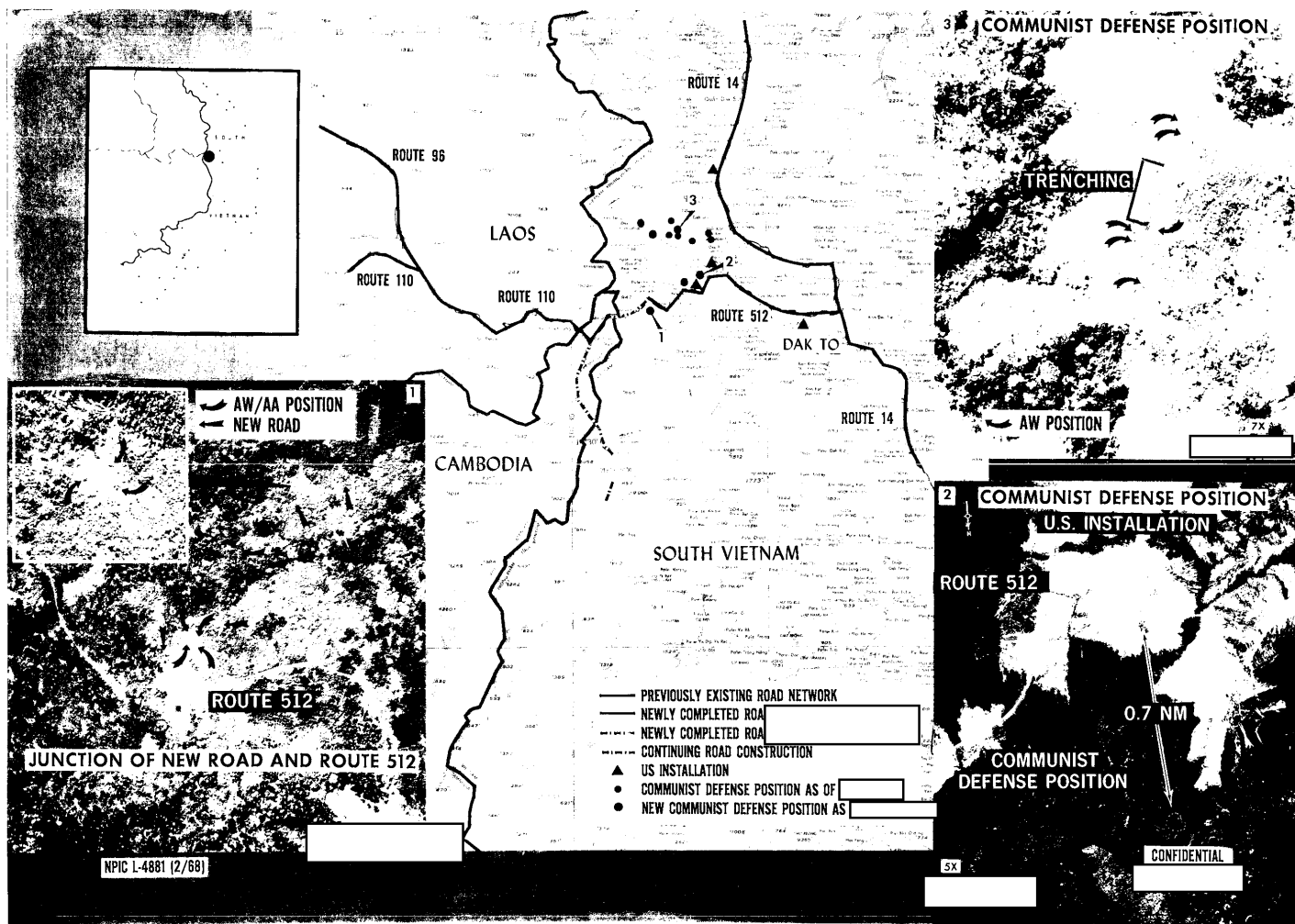
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